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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR INVESTITURE OF COALITION  
GOVERNMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE AS SIGNED BY THE  
PRESIDENT. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HIGHNESS, ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE INVESTITURE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL  
UNION OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE  
SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY  
MY PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE AND STATESMANSHIP  
YOU HAVE DISPLAYED IN DEFENDING AGAINST AGGRESSION AND IN  
NEGOTIATING AN HONORABLE END TO THE CONFLICT IN YOUR  
COUNTRY.

THIS HISTORIC EVENT MARKS A CRUCIAL MILESTONE ON THE LONG  
ROAD TOWARD NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LAOS. IT ALSO RE-  
PRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING A JUST PEACE  
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FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS, THAT THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF LAOS IN THE DIFFICULT WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH LIES AHEAD. WE ANTICIPATE FULL AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH ALL MEMBERS OF

YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR VIGOROUS AND ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP.

OUR ACTIONS IN RESPECT TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973, LAOS AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL. THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS THAT ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WILL ALSO RESPECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAOS ACCORDS AND THOSE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM RELATED TO LAOS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON END TEXT.

FRENCH TEXT IS BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

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SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED. RUSH

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